

Opening, Call to Order, Roll Call, Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes, Formal Public Comment, Committee Reports from State Board Members, Update from Executive Director, Update on Literacy Campaign Efforts, Secretary's Report

Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m. by President Gray. The following members of the State Board were present: Teri Quinn Gray, President; Jorge L. Melendez, Vice President; Nina Lou Bunting; G. Patrick Heffernan, Barbara B. Rutt, and Terry W. Whittaker. Secretary of Education Steven Godowsky was present to serve as the Executive Secretary for the State Board and the Board's Executive Director, Donna Johnson, was also present.

The agenda was approved as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Melendez and seconded by Dr. Whittaker to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Minutes from the Board's regular meeting of May 19, 2016 were distributed prior to the meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Whittaker to approve the minutes of the Board's regular meeting of May 19, 2016. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried by voice vote. (Mrs. Rutt abstained).

Public Comment

No individuals requested to address the Board.

Committee Reports and Executive Director's Update

Board members highlighted their monthly activities. Mrs. Rutt attended the DSBA Legislative Committee meeting representing the State Board. Mr. Melendez attended the Financial Literacy Task Force meeting and noted that the recommendations would be forthcoming. Mrs. Bunting attended the DSBA Board of Directors and the Teacher of the Year meeting with this year's candidates. Dr. Gray noted that she attended the University of Delaware graduation and a Kindergarten graduation. She also participated in the NASBE session at Google on student data privacy.

Ms. Johnson also attended the NASBE session at Google on student data privacy. She noted that links were available on the website for the public to view as well as information gathered to further explain and outline ESSA. Ms. Johnson also stated that Jennifer Nauman from Shields Elementary in the Cape Henlopen School District was the recipient of the National Distinguished Principal award.

Update on Literacy Campaign Efforts

Ms. Johnson noted that the 2016 Library Summer Challenge is currently underway. The Delaware Division of Libraries and Delaware public libraries are inviting children, teens and adults to join the challenge. Links and information are posted under Update on Literacy Campaign Efforts on the State Board June meeting link.

Secretary's Report

Secretary Godowsky highlighted his school visits and noted that the SARA interstate agreement has been approved that allows online courses in Delaware. Dr. Godowsky noted some of the pending education legislation, commented on the summer feeding program and the Department's internal work on ESSA. The Board received the Department's draft vision and mission statement.

Educators as Catalysts Showcase

Update on Leadership Preparation

Associate Secretary Angeline Rivello reminded the State Board that Regulation 1595 provides the opportunity for alternative certification for school leaders and noted the attributes that must be included in the program. She noted programs like the Leadership Excellence Program in Sussex County and the Delaware Leadership Project which is now moving to a coaching model and will not seek renewal. These leadership programs are rigorous and require hundreds of hours of clinical experiences, evaluation of the participants and evaluation of the programs. Jackie Wilson and Alison Dubinski from the University of Delaware's Principal Preparation Program provided an update on their program. Nathalie Princilus is one of the participants and highlighted her growth and experience from the program. Laurisa Schutt and Jeremy Grant-Skiner from Lead for Delaware outlined their program. Ashley Sorenson and Bethlehem Yirga provided insight from their participation in the program.

The Board recessed from 2:37 to 2:45 p.m.

Task Force Update

Ms. Johnson commented that final reports and recommendations from many Task Forces would be coming forth in June, the CAECC, Financial Literacy and EFIC. Both Mr. Melendez and Mr. Coverdale served on the Financial Literacy Task Force while Mrs. Rutt serves on EFIC.

Department of Education

Update on Next General Science Standards Implementation

Chief Academic Officer Michael Watson along with Shelley Rouser and Tonyea Meade provided an update on the Next Gen Teacher Leader Program. There are currently 200 leaders in Cohort I and Cohort II. Revisions to units of instruction will occur in the 2016-2017 school year along with expanded pilots. Ms. Meade has engaged renowned leaders in science standards to assist the Department. Professional learning is scheduled for fall with following training scheduled next January and April.

Regulations

Tina Shockley presented the regulations on the agenda.

Revisions to Regulation 922 and 925 focus on Children with Disabilities. These amendments are out for public comment for 60 days. There was discussion on the classification of emotional disturbance. The regulations will be presented for action at the July State Board meeting. Maria Locuniak was present to respond to questions.

Regulation 616 was also on the Board's agenda as an information item as it requires only the approval of the Secretary.

Charter Schools

David Blowman and Jennifer Nagourney presented the Charter School items.

Delaware STEM Academy Formal Review – For Action

Ms. Nagourney explained that Delaware STEM Academy was required to have 80% of its total approved enrollment enrolled by April 1st. The school has been approved for 200 students but showed an enrollment of only 29% or 72 students by April 4th. Enrollment is currently 129 students which is below the 80% requirement. It was the recommendation of the Charter School Accountability Committee to revoke the school's charter. Dr. Godowsky stated that after review of the record he concurred with the CSAC recommendation and asked that the Board assent to the revocation of the school's charter immediately. A motion was made by Mrs. Bunting that based on the review of the record and the Secretary's decision, the Board assents to the decision to revoke the charter of the Delaware STEM Academy. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried by roll call vote (Yes: Mrs. Bunting, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Melendez, Mrs. Rutt, Dr. Whittaker; No: Dr. Gray).

Annual Charter Report

Ms. Nagourney provided the annual charter report that included 2014-15 Academic Performance - Smarter Balanced Proficiency Data, 2014-15 Organizational Framework Data, and 2014-15 Financial Framework Data. It also showed enrollment trends over the last three years as well as per pupil revenue. Policy recommendations include revising the Organizational & Financial Components of the Performance Framework and the development of intervention policies and site visit protocols.

The Board recessed from 4:27 to 4:40 p.m.

Professional Standards Board

Chris Kenton, Executive Director of the Professional Standards Board presented the PSB items to the State Board.

Regulation 1552 Elementary School Counselor was presented for action. Mr. Kenton did acknowledge that written comments were received. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve the amended regulation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heffernan and carried unanimously by voice vote. Jennifer Davis from the Department was present to respond to questions.

Regulation 1545 Secondary School Counselor was presented to the State Board for action. Comments were also received for this amended regulation. Jennifer Davis from the Department was present to respond to questions. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve the amended regulation. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board signed the appropriate Order.

Regulation 1582 School Nurse was also presented for action. Linda Wolfe and Sue Smith were present to respond to any questions. A motion was made by Mrs. Rutt to approve the amended regulation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Melendez and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board signed the appropriate Order.

Regulation 1559 Skilled and Technical Sciences Teacher was presented for action. A motion was made by Mr. Coverdale to approve the amended regulation. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Bunting and carried unanimously by voice vote. The Board signed the appropriate Order.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Melendez to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Whittaker and carried unanimously by voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;

Steven H. Godowsky, Executive Secretary and
Secretary of Education